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# LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE BUDGET SESSION OF 1113.

*Tuesday,* *26th July 1938.* / *11th Karkadagam 1113.*

The Council met in the Council Hall, Ernakulam, at twelve of the clock (being New Moon) with the Hon'ble the President (SIR SHANMUKHAM CHETTY, K. C. I. E.) in the Chair.

Messrs. C. S. Sadasiva Ayyar, T. K. Nayar, Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan, T. V. Subramania Ayyar and E. F. Norman were absent.

## Voting of Demands for Grants (*continued*).

## 24. Public Health—Rs. 1,39,206.

*The remaining cut motions under 'Public Health' being not moved, the whole demand under the head was put and carried.*

## 17. Vaccination—Cranganur—Rs. 1,060 and 18. Sanitation and Conservancy—Cranganur Rs. 3,670.

**Mr. A. Sivarama Menon** (*Minister for Rural Development*) : Sir, I beg to move for a grant of Rs. 1,060 for Vaccination, Cranganur and Rs. 3,670 for Sanitation and Conservancy, Cranganur.

*The Demands were put and carried.*

## 3. Village Panchayats—Rs. 1,94,544.

**Mr. A. Sivarama Menon** (*Minister for Rural Development*) : Sir, I beg to move for an allotment of Rs. 1,94,544, for Village Panchayats.

### CUT MOTION No. 1.

**Mr. A. V. Moothedan** (*Chalakkudi*). *To reduce the allotment of Rs. 4,414 for Office Establishment, Panchayats, by Re. 1. (The Government are not paying any attention to the requirements of the people of Pariyaram, Kodasseri and Elanjipra in spite of the fact that the members of the Pariyaram Panchayat*

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*resigned en bloc last year as a protest.*) Sir, there is a Group Panchayat for Pariyaram, Kodasseri and Elanjipra and that Panchayat recommended that three thousand rupees should be allotted in the budget for 1113, but the sum allotted was Rs. 200 or Rs. 300. As a protest all the members tendered their resignations. The Director of Public Health and Panchayats interfered and said that he would reconsider the matter if they were prepared to withdraw their resignations. A public meeting was held to consider whether they should withdraw their resignations or not and after much deliberation it was decided that for the sake of maintaining the good relationship between the Government and the people and also with the hope that more money would be allotted next year the resignations should be withdrawn. I was present at the meeting. This year no amount is allotted for original works. Last year even though the Panchayat recommended for Rs. 3,000 about Rs. 300 was allotted and this year not a single pie is allotted for original works. There are three very important works there. There is the Pariyaram-Kuttikad road. There is a gap in the road and a bridge is absolutely necessary. There is a universal complaint about it and the Diwan Peishkar must have heard about it during his tours. Then there is the Kizhekke Chalakkudi Pariyaram road of which about a furlong has to be completed. This also is very urgent. Although we have got the fine Chalakkudi river we have no convenience for bathing. Some steps or ghats should be constructed at a convenient place. These works are very urgent. I would request the Hon'ble Minister to see that these works are executed.

***Mr. A. Sivarama Menon** (*Minister for Rural Development*): Sir, I am at one with the hon'ble member when he says that there are urgent works in his constituency and for that particular Panchayat. But I wish to remind him that there are other Panchayats, about 86 in number, and everyone of those Panchayats has sent a list of urgent works. What the Government do at the preparation of the Budget is to examine all these various proposals and then make a fair allotment to the various Panchayats. I do not think that this particular Panchayat has any ground for real complaint. Simply because in a previous year they got a fairly large amount, that, I submit, ought not to be advanced as a reason that that amount ought to be continued year after year. Of course, hon'ble members will kindly see what some of the other Panchayats get by way of allotment. The total allotment for this particular Panchayat for this year Rs. 913,

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i. e. the pathivu, original works and others included. There is one other significant feature with regard to these allotments. On account of a resolution passed by the Panchayat Conference there was a demand for a lump sum allotment for all the Panchayats so that the Panchayats may have some discretion with regard to meeting some urgent needs. This resolution is accepted by the Government and every Panchayat has got a sum of Rs. 150 under this head alone. That takes Rs. 12,600 and this Rs. 150 is allotted to the Panchayat referred to by the hon'ble member in addition to Rs. 913. Therefore, the total sum allotted to that Panchayat is Rs. 1,063. Of course, I want only to remind the hon'ble member that there are several other Panchayats that get far less than this amount. That is not as if we wanted to favour one Panchayat and show any disfavour to another Panchayat. Taking the demands from the various Panchayats the Government try to make a fair allotment. For example, the Vadavukode Panchayat gets Rs. 315 plus Rs 150, Nadama Rs.579 plus Rs. 150, Edavanakad Rs. 229 plus Rs. 150, Edavilanga Rs. 471 plus Rs. 150, Kolazhi Rs. 699 plus Rs. 150. Similarly other Panchayats. It is not that a particular Panchayat is treated unfairly. It gets a fairly decent allotment and that is all that could be allotted. The urgency with regard to the other works will be remembered by Government and as and when funds become available, certainly Government will be very glad to allow a better allowance for that Panchayat.

**Mr. A. V. Moothedan** (*Chalakkudi*): Sir, the reply of the Hon'ble Minister is not at all encouraging. The consideration of the Government seems to be that there are other Panchayats which are given less. I think that is a very poor consolation to us. When there are ever so many people older than the Government members here getting less salary why should you draw more? Whether there are Panchayats getting less, is not the point to be considered? Are the works necessary? Are the works urgent? Considering the population and the circumstances of each Panchayat, are these works necessary? These are the only points to be considered. There are Panchayats I can show getting more than Rs 5,000 or Rs. 6,000.

**Mr. A. Sivarama Menon** (*Minister for Rural Development*). Your Panchayat got Rs. 3,000 last year.

**Mr. A. V. Moothedan** (*Chalakkudi*): That is no argument. Anyhow since the Minister is new to the work and since I do not want to put difficulties in his way I only want him to do all that is possible.

*The motion was, by leave, withdrawn.*

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**CUT MOTION No. 2.**

**Mr. B. M. Peter** (*Latin X'ians-Mattancheri*): *To reduce the allotment of Rs 4,414 for establishment charges of the Village Panchayat by Re 1.* (പഞ്ചായത്തു കോടതികളിലെ പ്ലീഡന്മാരേയും ജഡ്ജിമാരേയും തിരഞ്ഞെടുക്കുന്നതിൽ കാലതാമസം വരുത്തുന്നതു കൊണ്ടു് പൊതുജനങ്ങൾക്കു നേരിടുന്ന കഷ്ടപ്പാടുകളെ ഗവൺമെൻറിന്റെ ദൃഷ്ടിയിൽപെടുത്തുവാൻ) മിസ്റ്റർ പ്രസിഡണ്ടു്, സർ, ഞാൻ ഈ ഉപക്ഷേപം കൊണ്ടുദ്ദേശിക്കുന്നതു്. ഈ ഉപക്ഷേപം ഞാൻ കൊണ്ടുവരുന്നതിനുമുമ്പുതന്നെ കഴിഞ്ഞകൊല്ലത്തിൽ ഇതേസംബന്ധിച്ചുള്ള ഒരുപക്ഷേപം ഇവിടെ കൊണ്ടുവരികയും അതു ബഹുഭൂരിപക്ഷത്തോടുകൂടി പാസ്സാക്കുകയും ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നു കഴിഞ്ഞ കൊല്ലത്തെ പ്രൊസീഡിംഗ്സ് നോക്കിയാൽ മനസ്സിലാക്കാവുന്നതാണു്. എൻറെ വില്ലേജിലുള്ള കുമ്പളങ്ങി പഞ്ചായത്തിനെക്കുറിച്ചു പറയുകയാണെങ്കിൽ അവിടെ ഇന്നും ഒരു കോട്ട് പ്രസിഡണ്ടില്ല. ക ക ക ക-ൽ ആണു് പ്രസിഡണ്ടിൻറെ ഒഴിവു വന്നതു്. ക ക ക ക-ലോ, ക ക ക ഖ-ലോ ക ക ക ങ-ലോ കോട്ട് പ്രസിഡണ്ടിനെ തിരഞ്ഞെടുക്കുന്നതിനു മേലധികാരത്തിൽനിന്നു സമയം കിട്ടീട്ടില്ലെന്നാണു് മനസ്സിലാകുന്നതു്. അതുപോലെ രണ്ടു ജഡ്ജിമാരുടെ ഒഴിവും വന്നിട്ടുണ്ടു്. അതിനും ഇതുവരെ ഒരു എലക്ഷൻ നടത്തീട്ടില്ല. ഇതിനെന്തെങ്കിലും പരിഹാരം വേണം. ജനങ്ങൾ വല്ലാതെ ബുദ്ധിമുട്ടുന്നുണ്ടു്. എന്തെന്നാൽ പഞ്ചായത്തു കോടതികളുള്ള സ്ഥലത്തിൽനിന്നു 10 രൂപയിൽ കൂടുതലുള്ള കേസ്സുകളെ മുൻസീഫ്കോടതികൾ സ്വീകരിക്കുകയുള്ളൂ. അതുകൊണ്ടു തദ്ദേശവാസികൾക്കു ഇതിനെയുള്ള കേസുകളിൽ പഞ്ചായത്തു കോടതികളിൽനിന്നു വിധി സമ്പാദിക്കുന്നതിനും, വിധിയുണ്ടായാൽ പണം പിരിഞ്ഞുകിട്ടുന്നതിനും വളരെ താമസം നേരിടുന്നുണ്ടു്. ജനങ്ങളുടെ ഈ ബുദ്ധിമുട്ടു ഗവൺമെൻറിൻറെ ദൃഷ്ടിയിൽ കൊണ്ടുവരികയാണു ഞാൻ ചെയ്യുന്നതു്. ഈ കാര്യത്തിൽ എന്തെങ്കിലും ഒരു നിവൃത്തിമാർഗ്ഗം ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട മിനിസ്റ്റർ കണ്ടുപിടിച്ചു ജനങ്ങളുടെ കഷ്ടപ്പാടുകളില്ലാതെയാക്കണമെന്നു അപേക്ഷിച്ചുകൊണ്ടു് ഞാൻ ഈ ഉപക്ഷേപം ഈ സഭമുമ്പാകെ അവതരിപ്പിച്ചുകൊള്ളുന്നു.

**Mr. V. J. Mathai** (*Planters*): Sir, I rise to support the motion because this is a matter which causes real hardship to the villagers who are bound by section 22 of the Village Panchayat Act. Under section 22, "Subject to the provisions of section 23, and notwithstanding anything contained in the Civil Courts Act No. III of 1076, every suit falling within section 20 shall be brought in the Village Panchayat Court within the local limits of whose jurisdiction the defendant is, or if there are more defendants than one, the majority of them are, at the time of the commencement of the suit, residing or carrying on business or personally working for gain." Therefore the possibility of going to any other court is out of the question. Then the House will be pleased to consider further that there are some debtors who being indigent, might be found to be breaking up and that unless suits are allowed to be brought then

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and there, it may be impossible to collect the debts due from those persons. Further in some cases it may be neces-ary that attachment should be taken out at once and the hardship becomes all the worse since in the case of decrees obtained under Section 54 of the Act execution can be taken out only through the Panchayat Courts and not through the Munsiff's Courts. It is only in pending cases that the Munsiff has any discretion to withdraw the suit and try it himself. Under Section 54 "the decree shall be executed by the Village Panchayat Court which passed the decree or by a Village Panchayat Court or District Munsiff to whom it is sent for execution under the provisions hereinafter contained." It can be executed only through the Court which passed the decree and therefore it is a matter of real grievance and I would request the Government to bestow its kind attention upon this matter and see that there is no unnecessary delay in the matter of election of Panchayat Presidents and Panchayat Judges. It is a matter which has come to my personal notice also in several cases.

**Mr. A. V. Moothedan** (*Chalakkudi*): Sir, there is one Panchayat in Kodakara. In that court for two years there was no sitting. How much inconvenience is caused will be clear if the High Court is closed for one year.

**Dr. A. R. Menon** (*Trichur North*): Why was it closed?

**Mr. A. V. Moothedan** (*Chalakkudi*): There was some technical difficulty. There were no judges. Civil powers were not conferred on them. Therefore there was no sitting. I think no argument is necessary to make my point clear. Now a new Panchayat has been constituted at Kodakara and I don't know whether it has got civil powers and whether it is sitting.

**Mr. A. Sivarama Menon** (*Minister for Rural Development*): It has got civil powers.

**Mr. A. V. Moothedan** (*Chalakkudi*): There is a very real grievance and I request the Hon'ble Minister will be pleased to look into the matter. Otherwise it is very difficult for the people to get justice.

***Mr. A. Sivarama Menon** (*Minister for Rural Development*): May I explain it, Sir? When I got notice of this motion I enquired into it and as far as I have been able to gather there have been some difficulty only with regard to one

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viz., the Kumbalangi Panchayat. I found some delay with regard to the election of Judges and I am looking into it to see that the election takes place as early as possible. There was an election some time back but that election had to be set aside on account of some irregularities. A fresh election has, therefore, to take place. There are five judges and there is a senior judge there. There is no justification for keeping the places unfilled. I have not come across any other case. There is really no difficulty in Kodakara. There is only this one case and I am in touch with it.

**Mr. C. V. Iyyu** (*Kunnamkulam*): May I submit, Sir, that there is a Panchayat called, Porkalam, which is not functioning at all.

**Mr. A. Sivarama Menon** (*Minister for Rural Development*): Why?

**Mr. C. V. Iyyu** (*Kunnamkulam*): The President did not call the Panchayat.

**Mr. A. Sivarama Menon** (*Minister for Rural Development*): The Government cannot do immediately anything with reference to it. They must have a quorum to hold a meeting. nless there is a quorum they cannot function.

**Dr. A. R. Menon** (*Trichur North*): Have you not got some disciplinary control over these Panchayats?

**Mr. A. Sivarama Menon** (*Minister for Rural Development*): Surely some way will be found out. If there is deliberate failure to exercise the powers vested in a President, surely some way will be found out to take action against him. But it must be brought to my notice.

**Mr. A. Eachara Menon** (*Chittur-Rural*): I don't think it is quite sufficient if they are removed. Those who are responsible for it must be booked. What is the fun of having a Panchayat and not functioning for two or three years? That goes against the fair name of the Government.

**Mr. A. Sivarama Menon** (*Minister for Rural Development*): All such cases will be severely dealt with.

**Mr. B. M. Peter** (*Latin X'ians-Mattancheri*): സർ, എന്റെ പഞ്ചായത്തിനെറ പേരിൽ മാത്രമെങ്കിലും പ്രത്യേകമായ ഒയാളഷ്ടിപതിപ്പിക്കാമെന്നു പറഞ്ഞതിൽ എനിക്കു വളരെ സന്തോഷമുണ്ടു്. അതുകൊണ്ടു് ഞാൻ ഇതു ഉപക്ഷേപം പ്രസ്സുചെയ്യുന്നില്ല.

*The motion was, by leave, withdrawn.*

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**CUT MOTION No. 3.**

**Mr. A. V. Moothedan** (*Chalakkudi*): *To reduce the allotment of Rs. 4,414 for Panchayat Office Establishment by Re. 1.* (*To urge the Government to complete the Road from the Market in Chalakkudi to the Vettukadavu ferry.*)

Sir, that road is not completed. Only about a furlong has to be completed and then that road will reach the ferry. About 200 students are going everyday through that road to the Chalakkudi High School from Melur. Especially in winter season it is very difficult if they have to wade their way through water up to knee. For the last two years it was remaining at that stage. I don't know why the Government are so very indifferent to this work.

***Mr. A. Sivarama Menon** (*Minister for Rural Development*): Sir, the road that has to be constructed goes through wet lands and would require embankments, etc., which will involve an expenditure of nearly Rs. 3,100. That cannot be taken up for want of funds. Part of the work has been done. Because of this great expenditure amounting to Rs. 3,100—that is the estimate—that amount cannot be had immediately. The work pertaining to the Panchayat Department is completed. With regard to the other portion, the Public Works Department will have to be addressed. This cut motion should have come in fact under the Public Works Department.

**Mr. A. V. Moothedan** (*Chalakkudi*): Sir, I think these figures are frightening. In my opinion even half the amount will not be required. I think these figures are deliberately made by some clerks. I am no expert, but it is my honest opinion. Any how this work may be considered at the earliest moment.

*The motion was, by leave, withdrawn.*

**CUT MOTION No. 4.**

***Mr. K. M. Ibrahim** (*Cranganur*): *To reduce the allotment of Rs. 4,816 for establishment by Re. 1.* (*To discuss the necessity of alloting more funds for the Village Panchayats in Cranganur Taluk the provisions made each year being very low compared to other Panchayats of the State.*) സർ, ക്രാങ്ങനൂർ പ്രിൻസിപ്പലിന്റെ യുടെ നാനാവിധമായ അവശ്യകതകളെ കൂടുക്കുടെ ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട സാമാജിക ന്മാരുടേയും, ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട സഭ്യന്റേയും ശ്രദ്ധയിൽവരുത്തി അവരെ മു

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ഷിപ്പിക്കുന്നതിൽ എനിക്ക് അൽപ്പം സങ്കോചമില്ലാതില്ല. പക്ഷെ സർ, ഞങ്ങളുടെ അവശ്യതകളും സ്ഥിരവും ദീർഘവുമായതുകൊണ്ട് കൂടക്കൂടെ അതിനെക്കുറിച്ച് പറയേണ്ട ചുമതല എന്നിൽ നിക്ഷിപ്തമായിരിക്കുന്നു. ഈ ഒരു ഇനത്തിൽ സർ, ബഡ്ജറ്റിൽ കൊള്ളിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നത് ഒരുലക്ഷത്തി എഴുപത്തീരായിരത്തി രണ്ടുറുപ്പികയാണ്. ഈ ഒരുലക്ഷത്തി എഴുപത്തീരായിരത്തി രണ്ടുറുപ്പികയിൽ ചില്ലാനം ആറു താലൂക്കുകൾക്കായീവച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതിൽ നേരത്തനേരെ അതിന്റെ ആറിലൊരു ഭാഗം ഞങ്ങൾക്ക് അവകാശപ്പെട്ടവാൻ സാധിക്കും. ആറു താലൂക്കുകൾക്കായി അനുവദിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതിന്റെ ശരിയായവീതം കൊടുങ്ങല്ലൂരിനു് ആവശ്യപ്പെടുകയാണെങ്കിൽ ൩൦,൦൦൦ രൂപ്പികയാണ് വരുന്നതു്. പക്ഷെ സർ, അതു വേണമെന്നു ഞാൻ ആവശ്യപ്പെടുന്നില്ല. ഒരു വെട്ടു രണ്ടു ക്ഷണം എന്നുള്ള നിലയിൽ കണക്കിനു് കണക്കുവെച്ചു് വരുന്നസംഖ്യ തരണമെന്നു ഞാൻ ആവശ്യപ്പെടുന്നില്ല. ഇതിനുമുമ്പു് ഈ ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട സഭസ്സിലെ പല അനുഭാവസ്ഥന്മാരും കൊടുങ്ങല്ലൂരിന്റെ സാമ്പത്തികാവശ്യതകളെ ശരിയാക്കാത്ത കുറ്റം ഗവൺമെൻറിനാണുള്ളതെന്നു് കണക്കുകൾകൊണ്ടു തെളിയിച്ചുകഴിഞ്ഞിട്ടുണ്ടു്. അതുകൊണ്ടു് ഗവൺമെൻറും ഈകാര്യത്തിൽ കൊടുങ്ങല്ലൂരിന്റെ വരവിനെ തടിപ്പിച്ചു കാണിക്കാത്ത കുറ്റത്തെക്കുറിച്ചു" ഞാൻ ഇപ്പോൾ കൂടുതലായി ഒന്നും പറയണമെന്നു വിചാരിക്കുന്നില്ല. കൊടുങ്ങല്ലൂർ കൊച്ചി കണയന്നൂർ താലൂക്കിനെപ്പോലെയോ, മുകുന്ദപുരം താലൂക്കിനെപ്പോലെയോ, തലപ്പിള്ളി താലൂക്കിനെപ്പോലെയോ ഒരു വലിയ താലൂക്കല്ലെന്നു സമ്മതിക്കാം. പക്ഷെ സർ, ഞാൻ മുമ്പു് ഉന്നിപ്പറഞ്ഞതുപോലെ കൊടുങ്ങല്ലൂരിലെ ജനബാഹുല്യത്തെ വിസ്മരിക്കുവാൻ നിവൃത്തിയില്ല. പട്ടണങ്ങളൊഴിച്ചാൽ ബാക്കിയുള്ള ഗ്രാമപ്രദേശങ്ങളിൽ ഇത്രത്തോളം ജനസംഖ്യ കൂടുതലുള്ള താലൂക്കു വേറെയില്ല. കൊച്ചി കണയന്നൂർ താലൂക്കിൽ ഒരു സ്ക്വയർ മൈലിൽ കൊടുങ്ങല്ലൂരിലുള്ളിടത്തോളം ജനസംഖ്യയില്ലെന്നു ട്രഷറി ബെഞ്ചിൽ ഇരിക്കുന്ന ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട മെമ്പർമാർപോലും സമ്മതിക്കുമെന്നാണു് എന്റെ വിശ്വാസം.

ഞാൻ ഇപ്പോൾ ഈ ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട സഭസ്സിനെ ബോധിപ്പിക്കുന്നതു് ൩,൦൦൦ രൂപ്പിക കിട്ടുവാനുള്ള ഒരു സ്ഥാനത്തു് വെറും ആയിരത്തിൽ ചില്വാനം രൂപ്പികമാത്രമാണു തന്നിട്ടുള്ളതെന്നുള്ള വ്യസനകരമായ സംഗതിയെക്കുറിച്ചാണു്. അല്പം മുമ്പു് ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട മന്ത്രി അവർകളും ഒരു പഞ്ചായത്തിനു് ൩,൦൦൦ ക. കൊടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നു് പറയുകയുണ്ടായി. ൩,൦൦൦മൊ, ൪.൦൦൦ മൊ, ൫,൦൦൦ മൊ എത്ര ആയിരം വേണമെങ്കിലും കൊടുത്തുകൊള്ളുക, എന്നാൽ അതേസമയംതന്നെ അതുപോലെ ഒരു സംഖ്യയെങ്കിലും ആവശ്യപ്പെടാൻ അർഹതയുള്ള പഞ്ചായത്തുകൾ രണ്ടെണ്ണം കൊടുങ്ങല്ലൂരിലുണ്ടെന്നുള്ളതും വിസ്മരിക്കരുതു്.

ഈ ഉപക്ഷേപം പാസ്സായികഴിഞ്ഞാൽ ഉടനെ കൊടുങ്ങല്ലൂരിനു ൩,൦൦൦ രൂപ്പിക തരുമെന്നുവിചാരിച്ചു് ഭയന്നു് ആരും ഇതിനു് അനുകൂലിച്ചു് വോട്ടുചെയ്യാതിരിക്കണ്ടാ. ഈ വിഷയത്തിൽ കുറച്ചുകൂടി കൂടുതൽ കിട്ടണമെന്നുള്ള ഒരു അപേക്ഷമാത്രമല്ലാതെ ഞാൻ നേരത്തെ പറഞ്ഞ കണക്കുപ്രകാരം പിരിച്ചു തരണമെന്നുള്ള നിർബ്ബന്ധം വരുമെന്നുവിചാരിച്ചോ സ്വന്തം പണംപോകുന്ന കാര്യമാണെന്നു വിചാരിച്ചോ ഭയന്നു ആരും ഇതിനെ അനുകൂലിക്കാതിരിക്കരുതെന്നാണു് ഞാൻ നിങ്ങളുടെ ദയാദൃഷ്ടിയിൽപെടുത്തുന്നതു്. ഈ സംഗതി ഗവൺമെൻറിനോടു പലപ്രാവശ്യവും പറഞ്ഞുകഴിഞ്ഞി

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ട്ടുള്ളതും, വളരെക്കാലമായി ഞങ്ങളിൽ നിലനിന്നുപോരുന്നതുമായ ആവശ്യങ്ങളാണ്. കഴിഞ്ഞതവണ മിവാൻജി അവർകൾ കൊടുങ്ങല്ലൂർ സന്ദർശിച്ച അവസരത്തിൽ ഞങ്ങൾ ഒരേഹത്തെ ക്ഷണിക്കുകയുണ്ടായി. പക്ഷെ കൊടുങ്ങല്ലൂരിലെ സംഭവബഹുലമായ പഞ്ചായത്തിനെസംബന്ധിച്ചുള്ള കാര്യപരിപാടികൾ സ്വീകരിക്കുവാൻ അദ്ദേഹത്തിനു് സാധിക്കാതെയാണു് വന്നതു്. ഈ സംഗതിയെസംബന്ധിച്ചു് നിയമസഭക്കു പുറത്തുനിന്നും ഞങ്ങൾക്കു ശവമ്മേൽദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാരുടെ ദൃഷ്ടിയിൽ പെടുത്തുവാൻ സാധിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടു്. ഡന്ദർഭവശാൽ അതിനു് അവസരം കിട്ടിയുന്നേയുള്ളു. അതുകൊണ്ടു് ബഹുമാന്യരായ അദ്ദേഹ്യോഗസ്ഥ സാമാജികന്മാർ കൂടിക്കൂടി അനുതാപപൂർവ്വമായ സംഖ്യ, തിരസ്കരിക്കപ്പെട്ട കൊടുങ്ങല്ലൂരിനു് കിട്ടത്തക്കവണ്ണം സഹായിക്കണമെന്നപേക്ഷിക്കുന്നു.

**Dr. A. R. Menon** (*Trichur North*): This is included in the Cranganur budget, is it not so?

**Mr. A. Sivarama Menon** (*Minister for Rural Development*): Yes.

**Dr. A. R. Menon** (*Trichur Town-North*): Sir, I have pointed out the other day in this House the difficulty that the Government as well as ourselves feel with regard to Cranganur. Cranganur being a separate entity it has got a separate budget and that budget has been a deficit one for a number of years. The amount that is taken, i. e., Rs. 1,000 is taken from the Cranganur Budget. Considering that it is a deficit budget it is very difficult to allocate a larger portion out of that deficit budget. The root of the matter is this. Unless this method of separate budget making is put an end to, this recurring difficulty will continue in spite of the orations delivered by my friend the hon'ble member for Cranganur in this House. I think the time has come to tackle this question very seriously and either you must end this method of having a separate budget for Cranganur or we should not raise this sort of complaint here; no useful purpose will be served whatsoever. I want to impress upon the Government the necessity of going into this matter very deeply and to put an end to this continued complaint that is legitimately raised by the hon'ble members for Cranganur. We have every sympathy with them. But unfortunately our hands are also tied. I want the Government to realise this and devise some measure by which we would be able to treat Cranganur on the same basis as any other taluk in the Cochin State.

***Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon** (*Cranganur*): Sir, I rise to support the cut motion of my brother-member from Cranganur. Now it has been urged by the hon'ble member for

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Trichur North that the hands of this House are tied. My submission is really that the hands are not tied at all, because it has already been shown that in the case of salt revenue Cranganur Principality gets far less than what she is entitled to get. The hon'ble Finance Member has accepted that statement. Cranganur is really getting 25 per cent less than what she is entitled to get and if a proper figure is arrived at as regards the salt revenue, my humble submission to this House is that Cranganur will be getting Rs. 3,000 more and that amount can very well be ear-marked for expenditure on Panchayats so that it is absolutely possible that the amount under Panchayats can be increased.

**Mr. C. R. Iyyunni** (*Trichur South*): May I know what will be the approximate amount that the member for Cranganur referred to?

**Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon** (*Cranganur*): About Rs. 3,000.

**Mr. C. R. Iyyunni** (*Trichur Town-South*): In that case, will you be satisfied with that Rs. 3,000?

**Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon** (*Cranganur*): We are now getting only Rs. 1,000 and odd, and if we get Rs. 3,000 also that will be something.

**Dr. A. R. Menon** (*Trichur North*): Was there a contract for a certain period?

**Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon** (*Cranganur*): There is not exactly a contract. What I understand from the hon'ble Finance Member is that the share of Cranganur was fixed at a time and since this State is administering the principality of Cranganur and that both parties are now working amicably, there cannot be any settlement of that sort.

***Mr. A. Sivarama Menon** (*Minister for Rural Development*): Sir, I do not want to go at this stage into this large and somewhat difficult question of a separate budget for Cranganur principality. That will have to be considered at great length and therefore it is not necessary for me to go into the points raised by the hon'ble member for Cranganur who spoke last. The hon'ble member for Cranganur has given notice of this cut motion by which he wanted to impress upon this House that Cranganur in spite of a deficit budget is being treated unfairly. I do not admit that charge at all. It is not so. I am now

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answering on the basis of the necessity of a separate budget for Cranganur. I think, if we examine the budget from that stand-point, Cranganur far from being treated unfairly is being treated fairly. Even under deficit conditions, a fairly satisfactory amount is allotted year after year.

**Mr. President:** We are making a contribution of ten thousand rupees every year to Cranganur from the general revenues.

**Mr. A. Sivarama Menon** (*Minister for Rural Development*): Considering that a separate budget has not to be prepared for this principality, because it forms one of the 6 taluks of the State, it is a large question.

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim** (*Cranganur*): I think this very House had given sanction to do away with the separate budget.

**Mr. A. Sivarama Menon** (*Minister for Rural Development*): The difficulty is we are having a separate budget and that problem has to be tackled and solved, if you want to merge the Cranganur Budget with the General Budget.

Now I proceed on the basis that Cranganur is having a separate budget. Talking from that stand-point, the charge levelled against the Government is thoroughly unjustifiable. We are making a special contribution to Cranganur finances.

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim** (*Cranganur*): There was no charge at all. I want only some more money for Cranganur.

**Mr. A. Sivarama Menon** (*Minister for Rural Development*): It is not Cranganur alone that wants some more money. The hon'ble member for Chalakkudi was charging the Government that the Government was careless towards the needs of Pariyaram Panchayat and that Pariyaram got only Rs. 1,000 whereas Cranganur this year gets more than Rs. 1,000

**Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon** (*Cranganur*): There are more than one Panchayat in the Cranganur principality.

**Mr. A. Sivarama Menon** (*Minister for Rural Development*): But it is a unit for the purpose of administration. I may assure the hon'ble member that my purpose is not to argue away the points. My purpose is only to explain to this House that the charge levelled against the Government is not fair and justifiable. There are 86 other Panchayats that do not get all that they want. We can only do our best from the limited resources that are at our disposal. I hope the hon'ble member

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will realise that whatever possible is done. This year the allotment is Rs. 1,165. Last year there was only Rs. 965. So there is some improvement this year. And if the finances improve, the contribution also may be enhanced.

**Mr. Ismail Hajee Easa Sait** (*Mattancheri*): What is the difficulty for having a single budget?

**Mr. A. Sivarama Menon** (*Minister for Rural Development*): Because Cranganur is treated as a separate principality.

**Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal** (*Vadakkancheri*): Is it within the competence of this House, to give away the practice that is hitherto followed?

**Mr. A. Sivarama Menon** (*Minister for Rural Development*): We cannot deter from the existing practice.

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim** (*Cranganur*): Why was a portion of customs not given to Cranganur?

**Mr. A. Sivarama Menon** (*Minister for Rural Development*): That is not a settled factor. The parties will have to move for it and then the things will be settled.

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim** (*Cranganur*): It was moved, voted upon and we got a non-official majority in this House.

**Dr. A. R. Menon** (*Trichur North*): How does this compare with the allotment for other Panchayats?

**Mr. A. Sivarama Menon** (*Minister for Rural Development*): It compares rather favourably.

**Mr. President**: The hon'ble member should know that so far as the separate nature of the Cranganur Budget is concerned, we have to get the sanction of the Cranganur Chief and the Government of India also.

**Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon** (*Cranganur*): Is it necessary that we should get the sanction of the Government of India?

**Mr. President**: It is with the concurrence of the Government of India that this arrangement was made. It is not a simple matter.

**Mr. C. R. Iyyunni** (*Trichur South*): Is the Cranganur Chief agreeable?

**Dr. A. R. Menon** (*Trichur North*): Generally, he is not agreeable. I tried that a few years ago.

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**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim** (*Cranganur*): As far as this cut motion is concerned may I take it that the Hon'ble Minister will try to give us some more funds as far as the Panchayats are concerned.

**Mr. A. Sivarama Menon** (*Minister for Rural Development*): I am always willing to do that whenever it is possible. (*Laughter*).

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim** (*Cranganur*): On that kind assurance, I beg leave of the House to withdraw the motion.

** The motion was, by leave, withdrawn.*

**CUT MOTION No. 5.**

**Mr. A. Eachara Menon** (*Chittur-Rural*): *To reduce the allotment of Rs. 22,035 for A—Panchayat Department (Administration) by Re. 1.*

(*To enquire whether the long felt want of water for drinking and bathing purposes (both of human beings and animals) of the people of Vadakarapathi has been proposed to be met by the budget under consideration.*)

Sir, this is not a subject new to the House. Last year when I brought this resolution the then member for Public Health said that he would consider this at the time of the preparation of the budget for 1114. I am sorry he is not here now. If the Panchayat cannot give drinking water to human beings as well as cattle, a question of keeping oneself clean, of quenching one's thurst, what is meant by sanitation I do not understand. We are asking only to provide for our prime necessities. In the case of some 4 or 5 villages, they have got only one tank but this tank has been silted up so much, that the level of the tank and that of the adjoining parambas is almost the same. If the Government is not granting their request, I fear Government is treating them improperly. I request that the Government may be pleased to find their way to assist them in this matter.

**Mr. C. V. Iyyu** (*Kunnamkulam*): I support this motion and I beg leave to point out to the Hon'ble Minister to make a scheme or plan for 3 or 5 years applying to the whole of Cochin for solving this problem.

***Mr. A. Sivarama Menon** (*Minister for Rural Development*): This, Sir, is a really very important question affecting

* Speech not corrected by the hon'ble member.

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not only this particular village, but several other villages as well, and I very much appreciate the view expressed by the hon'ble member for Kunnamkulam. In fact it is my desire to try and find out some scheme by which this scarcity of water could be met throughout the State.

Speaking about this particular cut motion, for the coming year, I want to mention to this House, that a sum of Rs. 150 has been specially provided for boring the existing wells near the Kozhipara school. I hope that will give some relief.

**Mr. A. Eachara Menon** (*Chittur-Rural*): That is only a well.

**Mr. A. Sivarama Menon** (*Minister for Rural Development*): That well will give some water. These boring operations are going on and the P. W. D. are conducting certain boring operations in this particular village. If these operations are successful, then we will be very happy indeed. But it is too soon to say whether these operations will be entirely successful, and estimates have been prepared for introducing some scheme in these villages. The rough estimate is something like Rs. 4,000. I am referring to this simply to show that the case is being studied and that the Government are fully alive to these needs.

Speaking generally, I once again mention to this House, that a question of a sufficient supply of drinking water has to be tackled as a question for the whole State and I will try my best to study the question at an early date and try to prepare a scheme.

**Mr. A. Eachara Menon** (*Chittur-Rural*): May I know where these boring operations are made?

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon** (*Chief Engineer*): This Department is doing boring operations in Mulathara and in one of the wells in Kozhinjampara. We are taking up this work in 1114.

**Mr. A. Eachara Menon** (*Chittur-Rural*): I do not press the motion.

*The motion was, by leave, withdrawn.*

**CUT MOTION No. 6**

**Mr. C. V. Iyyu** (*Kunnamkulam*): *To reduce the allotment of Rs. 22,035 for Village Panchayats by Re. 1. (The urgent necessity of amending the Panchayat Act on the lines of the Act now*

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*existing in the Madras Presidency*). എന്റെ ഈ ഉപക്ഷേപം നമ്മുടെ ഗവണ്മെണ്ടിനേയും ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട മെമ്പർമാരുടേയും ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട മന്ത്രിയുടേയും സതുരശ്രദ്ധയിൽ ഗൌരവമായി വിഷയീവേക്കേണ്ട ഒരു സംഗതിയാണു". നമ്മുടെ രാജ്യത്തു് പഞ്ചായത്തു ആക്ട് നടപ്പിൽ വന്നിട്ടു് ഏകദേശം ഒരു കൊല്ലമായി എന്നാണു് എനിക്കു തോന്നുന്നതു്. ഈ രണ്ടുകൊല്ലം മുമ്പെയുണ്ടായിരുന്ന രീതി അതു റവന്യൂ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെണ്ടിന്റെ ഒരു ഭാഗമായി നടത്തിക്കൊണ്ടുപോരുകയായിരുന്നു. എന്നു പറഞ്ഞാൽ ദിവാൻപേഷ്കാർ പഞ്ചായത്തു മെമ്പർമാരെ നിയമിക്കുന്ന സമ്പ്രദായമായിരുന്നു. വാസ്തവത്തിൽ ഇന്നത്തെ സമ്പ്രദായപ്രകാരം പഞ്ചായത്തു് അധഃപതിച്ചിരിക്കുകയാണു്. ഇന്നത്തെ മെമ്പർമാർ, ദിവാൻപേഷ്കാർ നിയമിച്ചിരുന്ന മെമ്പർമാർ ഇന്നത്തെ മെമ്പർമാരിലും നന്നായിരുന്നു എന്നാണു ഞാൻ പറയുന്നതു". അവർ അതാതു വില്ലേജുകളിൽ അത്യാവശ്യം വേണ്ടതായ പ്രവൃത്തികൾ ഗവണ്മെണ്ടിന്റെ ദൃഷ്ടിയിൽ കൊണ്ടുവരുകയും ആ വില്ലേജുകളുടെ അഭിവൃദ്ധിക്കായി പ്രവൃത്തിക്കയും ചെയ്തിരുന്നു. എന്നാൽ ജനാധിപത്യഭരണം സ്ഥാപിച്ചുവരുന്ന ഇക്കാലത്തു് ആ സമ്പ്രദായം ഇനിയും നിലനിറുത്തണമെന്നു പറയുന്നതിനു നിവൃത്തിയില്ല. എന്നാൽ പൂർണ്ണജനാധിപത്യത്തിലേക്കു വരുകയാണു" നല്ലതെന്നാണു് എനിക്കു പറയുവാനുള്ളതു്. ഇപ്പോഴത്തെ പഞ്ചായത്തു ഭരണം ജനാധിപത്യവുമല്ല; സേച്ഛാധിപത്യവുമല്ല. ഇപ്പോഴത്തെ പഞ്ചായത്തു മെമ്പർമാരാകുന്ന ആളുകൾ പഞ്ചായത്തു ഡയറക്ടരുടെ കീഴിലുള്ള ചില ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാരുടെ സമ്പ്രദായമായി പഞ്ചായത്തു മെമ്പർമാരുടെ സ്ഥാനം മോശമായിരിക്കുന്നു. ബ്രിട്ടീഷിൻഡ്യയിലെ പഞ്ചായത്തു നിയമപ്രകാരം അവിടത്തെ പഞ്ചായത്തു ഭരണാധികാരി, അതായതു്,—ഇൻസ്പെക്ടർ ഓഫു് ലോക്കൽ ബോർഡിന്നാ, പഞ്ചായത്തു ഓഫീസുക്കോ, പഞ്ചായത്തുകാരുടെ അധികാരങ്ങളിൽ ഒരു തരത്തിലും കൈകടത്തുന്നതിനു നിവൃത്തിയില്ല വല്ല പണാപഹരണമുണ്ടെങ്കിൽ, ഇവിടെ പഞ്ചായത്തിൽ ഒരു ശിപായിയെ നിയമിക്കണമെങ്കിൽ പഞ്ചായത്തു ഡയറക്ടർ വേണം. കൂടക്കൂടെ ശിപായിമാരെ സ്ഥലം മാറണമെങ്കിൽ അതിനു ഡയറക്ടരുടെ അനുവാദം വേണം. ക്ലാർക്കുമാരുടെ കാര്യം പറയേണ്ടല്ലൊ. പഞ്ചായത്തു ഡയറക്ടരുമായി കുറച്ചു താല്പര്യമോ സേവയോ കൂടുതലുള്ള ആൾക്കു പ്രസിഡെണ്ടന്മാരാകാൻ യാതൊരു ബുദ്ധിമുട്ടുമില്ല. ജനങ്ങൾക്കു ഇഷ്ടമില്ലാത്ത ഒരാൾക്കു"—പഞ്ചായത്തു ഡയറക്ടരോടു സേവയുള്ള ഒരാൾക്കു"—പ്രസിഡെണ്ടസ്ഥാനം കിട്ടും. ഇങ്ങിനെയുള്ള രീതിയിലാണു് ഇപ്പോഴത്തെ പഞ്ചായത്തു ഭരണം നടക്കുന്നതു്. ഈ സമ്പ്രദായത്തെ കുറെക്കൂടി സഹായിക്കുന്നതു് എന്റെ സ്നേഹിതന്മാരായ അവശസമുദായത്തിൽ പെട്ട നിയമസഭാംഗങ്ങളുടെ പ്രക്ഷോഭണം നിമിത്തം അവശസമുദായത്തിലെ അംഗങ്ങളെ പഞ്ചായത്തു അംഗങ്ങളായി നിയമിക്കുന്നതുനിമിത്തം അവശസമുദായങ്ങളുടെ പേരും പറഞ്ഞു് പഞ്ചായത്തു ഡയറക്ടരോടു സേവയുള്ള ആളുകളെ പ്രസിഡെണ്ടാക്കത്തക്കവണ്ണം അവശസമുദായത്തിന്റെ പ്രതിനിധിയായി നിയമിക്കുക എന്നുള്ള ഒരൊറ വിദ്യയാണു്. അവർക്കു പ്രാതിനിധ്യം കൊടുക്കണ്ട എന്നല്ല ഞാൻ പറയുന്നതു്. മദ്രാസിലെ സമ്പ്രദായം സ്വീകരിക്കണം എന്നാണു് ഞാൻ പറയുന്നതു്. മദ്രാസിൽ അവശസമുദായങ്ങൾക്കു തിരഞ്ഞെടുപ്പിൽ റിസർവ്വേഷൻ ചെയ്തിരിക്കുകയാണു്. നമ്മുടെ രാജ്യത്തുള്ള പഞ്ചായത്തുകളുടെ സമ്പ്രദായം ബ്രിട്ടീഷിൻഡ്യയിലെ പഞ്ചായത്തുകളുടെ സമ്പ്രദായത്തോടു യോജിച്ച രീതിയിലല്ലെന്നു ഞാൻ സമ്മതിക്കുന്നു. ഇവിടെയുള്ള പഞ്ചായത്തുകൾ ബ്രിട്ടീഷിൻഡ്യയിലെ പഴയ താലൂക്കു ബോർഡിന്റെ സമ്പ്രദായത്തിൽ രൂപീകരിക്കാം. ഇപ്പോൾ ഗുപ്ത കോടതിയായി രൂ

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പീകരിച്ചിരിക്കുന്ന വില്ലേജുകളും ഒരു പഞ്ചായത്തു ബോർഡായി രൂപീകരിക്കാം. വെറിയ വെറിയ വില്ലേജുകളിൽ ഇപ്പോഴുള്ള ഗ്രൂപ്പ് കോടതികളും ഓരോ യൂണിറ്റായി തിരിച്ച് പഞ്ചായത്തുകളുടെ എണ്ണം കൂട്ടുകയും ചിലവു കുറക്കുകയും ചെയ്യാം. ഈ പഞ്ചായത്തുകൾക്കുതന്നെ സിവിൽ അധികാരം കൊടുക്കുന്നതിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ചു നോക്കുകയാണെങ്കിൽ ആ വിഷയത്തിൽ മറ്റാരിനേക്കാളും നാം കുറെ അഡ്വാൻസു ചെയ്തിരിക്കുന്നു എന്ന പക്ഷക്കാരനാണ് ഞാൻ. ഏതുവിധത്തിലായാലും പഞ്ചായത്തു ഭരണം ആകപ്പാടെ നന്നു ഉടച്ചുവാർക്കണം എന്നാണ് ഞാൻ പറയുന്നതു്. അതിനു് അവശസമുദായങ്ങൾക്കു കൊടുക്കുന്ന നോമിനേഷൻ സമ്പ്രദായം മാറി അവർക്കു റിസർവ്വേഷൻ കൊടുക്കണം. അവശസമുദായങ്ങൾക്കല്ലാതെ ക്രൈസ്തവർക്കും മുഹമ്മദീയർക്കും പ്രത്യേക പ്രാതിനിധ്യം കൊടുക്കണമെന്നു ഞാൻ പറയുന്നില്ല.

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim** (*Cranganur*): നിങ്ങളും അവശസമുദായക്കാരല്ലെ?

**Mr. C. V. Iyyu** (*Kunnamkulam*): ഞങ്ങളും അവശസമുദായക്കാരല്ല.

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim** (*Cranganur*): ഞങ്ങളും അവശസമുദായക്കാരാണ്.

**Mr. C. V. Iyyu** (*Kunnamkulam*): അവർ അവശസമുദായത്തിൽ പെട്ടവരല്ലായിരുന്നെങ്കിൽ റിസർവ്വേഷൻ ആവശ്യപ്പെടുകയില്ലായിരുന്നു. ആ സ്ഥിതിക്കു് ഈ ആക്ട് ഭേദഗതി ചെയ്യേണ്ടതു വളരെ അത്യാവശ്യമായിരിക്കുന്നു; എന്നതന്നെയല്ല തിരഞ്ഞെടുക്കപ്പെട്ട വരുന്ന മെമ്പർമാർക്കു കൂടുതൽ അധികാരവും കൊടുക്കണം. ഇപ്പോഴുള്ള പഞ്ചായത്തു് ജനാധിപത്യത്തെ ഹനിക്കുന്ന ഒന്നാണെന്നും അതുകൊണ്ടു കഴിയുന്നതും വേഗം ഈ ആക്ട് ഭേദഗതി ചെയ്യേണ്ടതാണെന്നും അപേക്ഷിച്ചുകൊണ്ടു് ഈ ഉപക്ഷേപം നിയമസഭയുടെ ആലോചനക്കായി ഇവിടെ അവതരിപ്പിച്ചുകൊള്ളുന്നു.

**Dr. A. R. Menon** (*Trichur North*): Sir, while we agree with many of the remarks made by my friend Mr. Iyyu and though I am sure there is some foundations in all these allegations, I am afraid, a question of this nature cannot be discussed properly by means of a cut motion. So what I suggest is if he brings in a Bill we will be in a better position to deal with these questions. I make this suggestion because it is a very complicated affair. If he takes the trouble of introducing the Bill, we will go into the merits of the case and we will be able to do our very best in that case.

**Mr. C. V. Iyyu** (*Kunnamkulam*): If Government bring forward such a Bill, there will be no need for me to undertake that trouble.

**Mr. M. K. Devassy** (*Adur*): If Mr. Iyyu is not prepared to undertake that trouble, there are others willing.

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**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim** (*Cranganur*) : The point is this. If the Government brings in a Bill, the matter will be expedited soon. But if a non-official member brings in a Bill, it will take more time.

**Mr. A. Sivarama Menon** (*Minister for Rural Development*) : I will consider that question. In this connection, I have to mention that the Government did attempt during the last Council, to introduce an amending Bill with a view to confer more powers on Panchayats and this House was not in a mood to accept that.

**Dr. A. R. Menon** (*Trichur North*) : That was taxation power. We don't want that.

**Mr. A. Sivarama Menon** (*Minister for Rural Development*) : With that experience, it will take some more time to see on what lines we should proceed.

**Dr. A. R. Menon** (*Trichur Town-North*) : We want some other powers.

**Mr. A. Sivarama Menon** (*Minister for Rural Development*) : The hon'ble member for Kunnamkulam wants the power to spend the money. In the absence of such a power, we may have to depend upon some outside agency for money.

**Dr. A. R. Menon** (*Trichur North*) : His complaint was that, even the powers that existed originally were gradually taken away by the Government. That is his contention.

**Mr. C. V. Iyyu** (*Kunnamkulam*): That is one point of my contention.

*__Mr. C. R. Iyyunni__ (*Trichur South*) : Mr. Iyyu was saying that as per the Panchayat Act, certain powers are given both to the Panchayat and to the Panchayat Courts. But in matters like the appointment or election of Panchayat President, because of the nominations that are being manipulated by the officer concerned, the persons who happen to occupy such posts, are not capable persons who could do the work assigned to such offices efficiently, because the persons who occupy such places do not deserve them. It is because of the manipulations that are being made by the authorities concerned, that such things happen. In such cases the power vested in them is set at naught or is

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nullified. It is to remedy this defect that Mr. Iyyu wants a deviation from the existing practice.

**Mr. President:** Anyway, hereafter the Minister will be responsible for the nominations.

***Mr. A. Sivarama Menon** (*Minister for Rural Development*): There is no doubt, Sir, that there exists some difference between the British Local Boards Act and our Panchayat Act in the matter of nomination. In the British enactment, they do not recognise nominations. That question will be examined. We have to consider whether the system of nomination should go. But that will give some sort of difficulty. I am just indicating the nature of the difficulty. What is done in British India is to reserve seats. I do not know whether the backward communities of our State will be agreeable to that course. In the constitution of the Legislative Council we were not able to introduce that reservation throughout.

**Mr. A. V. Moothedan** (*Chalakkudi*): Let us therefore begin with the Panchayats, the lowest units.

**Mr. C. V. Iyyu** (*Kunnamkulam*): In view of the assurance by the Minister that the question will be taken up by the Government, I withdraw the motion.

*The motion was, by leave, withdrawn.*

**CUT MOTION No. 7.**

**Mr. A. V. Moothedan** (*Chalakkudi*): *To reduce the allotment of Rs. 18,121 for Contribution to Village Panchayats—Establishment by Re. 1.*

(*To urge the Government to construct a Bathing tank near the Railway Station at Kallettumkara.*)

Sir, Kallettumkara is far away from the Chalakkudi river and there is no tank there, and there is no water in the months of Meenam and Medam. It is absolutely impossible to get even water for drinking purposes. It is a very congested place, near the railway station. They find it very difficult to bathe and in the interests of public health also, it is highly necessary that some arrangement is made for bathing. This matter was before the House for the last half-a-dozen years.

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**Mr. A. Sivarama Menon** (*Minister for Rural Development*) : There are now three chiras in this locality Puthu Chira, Muriyad tank and Karur Chira. These three do meet the requirements. If we have to give additional facilities, there should be some tanks also. But at present it is not possible to construct tanks for paucity of funds. If funds become available, I shall consider the question.

**Mr. P. Govinda Menon** (*Mulakunnathukavu*) : Have the people of the place made representations that they want a tank?

**Mr. A. Sivarama Menon** (*Minister for Rural Development*) : There was a petition from the inhabitants of Kallettumkara village requesting for a tank in 1934. They were then told of the existence of these 3 chiras. Subsequent by there had not been any complaints.

**Mr. A. V. Moothedan** (*Chalakkudi*) : In his reply, the Hon'ble Minister said there are 3 chiras. But whether there is any water in Meenam and Medam, the Minister will be able to see this year. In 1934 the Officers reported that there was sufficient water. But during the summer season, there is really no water. Therefore I request the Minister to reconsider the position.

*The motion was, by leave, withdrawn.*

**CUT MOTION No. 8.**

**Mr. A. Eachara Menon** (*Chittur-Rural*) : *To reduce the allotment of Rs. 25,590 for Sanitation and Conservancy by Re. 1.*

(*To enquire whether the Government proposes to widen the lanes of the Nalleppally Panchayat this year at least, in pursuance of the continued request of the Panchayat and the then member for Chittur (Rural) constituency and the promise of the Government to consider it at the time of this budget*).

Sir, This is a piece of work which the Department had already consented to do and I think the Head of the Department once made a survey. The difficulty is this. There are two houses who own almost all the property. They intervene and say that the place should not be acquired. That is the reason why this acquisition did not take place. If the Sanitary Department give way to such representations and do not see that such thickly populated places are not open, I do not know, how sanitation can be exercised. It is very high time that Government takes this matter in hand and do something so that the thickly

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populated places are thoroughly open for wind and air. With these few words, I commend this motion to the House.

**Mr. A. Sivarama Menon** (*Minister for Rural Development*): Sir, this work is being attended to by Government. The hon'ble member knows already that widening of Parath, Chettipara, Ankarath, and Choondath lanes is already over and another lane is now taken. In the budget a sum of Rs. 100 is provided for the coming year for widening the lanes.

**Mr. A. Eachara Menon** (*Chittur-Rural*): No widening of any kind has taken place there. There was a drain there. That was ordered to be added on to the lane so much so, rain water flows now through all portions of the lane. The sanitation has thus been made worse than it was before.

Anyway, I do not press the motion.

*The motion was, by leave, withdrawn.*

**CUT MOTION No. 9.**

**Mr. A. Eachara Menon** (*Chittur-Rural*): *To reduce the allotment of Rs. 19,648 for (h) water supply by Re. 1.*

(*That the demand less than that of the last year is suicidal in as much as more than a moiety of the number of wells are without water in the summer season*).

Sir, last year the allotment under this head was Rs. 28,000 and odd and this year, it is only Rs. 19,648, about eight thousand and odd rupees less. I had brought to the notice of the Government that more than a moiety of the wells in one village of my constituency is without water. It is stated that the P. W. D. has undertaken boring of the wells. I do not want to bring that point before the House because there is a story behind it. The P. W. D. had undertaken to bore a well in Meenakshipuram. They did half the work and went away without even removing the pipes and the soiled water. There is now water in that well but it is of no use to the poor people.

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon** (*Chief Engineer*): The work has been completed.

**Mr. A. Eachara Menon** (*Chittur-Rural*): I know where these wells are.

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon** (*Chief Engineer*): The hon'ble member is entirely mistaken.

**Mr. A. Eachara Menon** (*Chittur-Rural*): Two days before I came, there was a pipe in that well.

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**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon** (*Chief Engineer*) : The boring is not yet completed. We had some other urgent boring operations in connection with the foundation of a building and so I had to transfer the workmen only for a few days.

**Mr. A. Eachara Menon** (*Chittur-Rural*) : But before two days I proceeded to this place, the case was as I mentioned.

**Mr. President:** Perhaps you will see a change when you return.

*The motion was, by leave, withdrawn.*
*The Demand was put and carried.*

## 3. Panchayats—Cranganur Rs. 1,165.

**Mr. A. Sivarama Menon** (*Minister for Rural Development*): Sir, I move for an allotment of Rs. 1,165 under 3-Panchayats, Cranganur. I request the House may be pleased to allow this grant.

*The Demand was put and carried.*

*The House rose for lunch at 1-5 p. m. and reassembled at 2-30 p. m. with the Hon'ble the Deputy President in the Chair.*

## 19. Education.—Rs. 18,68,215.

* **Rao Sahib I. N. Menon** (*Director of Public Instruction*): Mr. President, Sir, I move for an allotment of Rs. 18,68,215 under 19-Education. I do not think that this very straightforward demand, no doubt for a fairly very large sum, needs any special explanation. I think the figures are self-explanatory and the only reason why I make a few remarks in introducing this estimate to this House is that I find a general explanation of the policy of the Government in respect of education may probably help the rapid transactions of business in view of the fairly large number of cut motions that have been tabled under this budget.

Sir, what I wish to point out at the very outset is that these estimates for the ensuing year were framed in pursuance of the policy, implicit or avowed, of the Hon'ble House in respect of educational expenditure. Although the figure stands very high namely 18,68,215 it cannot be new, Sir, for me to submit that this represents the result of the drastic retrenchment in educational expenditure and these retrenchments have been largely in pursuance of a definite policy of economy adumbrated by every section of this House. It is not necessary, Sir, at this

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